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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a-Three-month extension of time extending to April 1, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002. A check for \$930 and the responsive paper(s) are enclosed herewith.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1805. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

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